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**Phone No.:** 703-305-3531**Patent & Trademark Office, Technology Center 3700, Art Unit: 3763****Inventor(s):** RAYMOND R. RACKLEY et al.**Examiner:** THANH, Loan H.**Appln. No.:** 10/084,240**Group Art Unit:** 3763**Filing Date:** February 27, 2002**Title:** BULKING AGENT NEEDLE  
APPARATUS AND METHOD OF  
USING THE NEEDLE  
APPARATUS**Docket No.** 54459-237216

Attached for filing in connection with the above-captioned patent application are the following:

1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (1 page)
2. Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$395 for the RCE filing fee

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	Filing Date	February 27, 2002
	Examiner Name	THANH, Loan H.
	First Named Inventor	RAYMOND R. RACKLEY et al.
	Group Art Unit	3763
	Attorney Docket Number	54459-237216

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE)  
under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. ☒ Previously submitted

i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/repl under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on: January 18, 2005  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on:

iii. ☐ Other

b. Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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